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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to accelerate the expansion and development of food processing industry in the country by entering into an agreement with the French Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the role ascertained for Governments of the two countries under the above agreement; and

(d) the agreements entered into for food processing industry so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): In order to accelerate the expansion and development of Food Processing Industries in the country, the Ministry of Food Processing Industry, under the Plan Scheme of promotional activities in the Food Processing Sector, aims to facilitate value added exports and cooperation with various countries in the areas of Technology, R&D, Laboratories and infrastructure like Cold Chain and Mega Food Parks.

There has not been any agreement with French Government on Food Processing Sector. However, during visit of a business delegation led by French Minister Mr. Nicolas Forissier, detailed discussion had taken place in the areas of setting up of Mega Food Parks, development of wine sector in the country, technology collaboration on Cold Chain, Food Processing Machinery, Meat Processing, etc. This is being followed up.